

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? COCHRANE - FOUNTAIN CITY 06-25-09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-046-001

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT - UPGRADING EXISTING LINES  
WOULD HAVE THE LEAST EFFECT  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
WOULD ALLOW THE PROJECT  
TO COMPLETE ITS NEED.

I-046-009

PERSONS HEALTH + AG LAND PRESERVATION  
WIND + ICE DAMAGE - PREVIOUS ABOVE GROUND LINES WERE DAMAGED  
BY ICE + WIND - THOSE LINES ARE NOW UNDERGROUND LINES

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

### I-046-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

S. 2445 BELVIDERE RIDGE - COCHRANE, WI  
PROPOSAL WOULD CROSS SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL FIELDS, CURRENTLY  
ALL ABOVE GROUND POWER LINES WERE CONVERTED TO  
BURIED LINES, CREATING A LESSENO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. AND  
PROVIDES ASTHETIC VALUE. PROPOSED LINE WOULD CROSS NEAR  
MY NEWLY BUILT HOME, THE NAME OF MY INFANT SON. THIS LINE WOULD  
DEVALUE MY PROPERTY. I CURRENTLY HAVE SEVERAL EAGLES THAT  
NEST IN PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED LINE.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WOULD HOLD GREAT WEIGHT  
ALONG WITH PRESERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND AND  
PRESERVING LAND USED BY GENERATIONS FOR HUNTING AND  
RECREATION. AGRICULTURAL LAND IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR  
HOUSING AT A GREAT WEIGHT, ~~BE~~ UPGRADING EXISTING POWER  
PATHS WOULD PRESERVE THE AG. LAND AND PRESERVE ANY  
PRESENT CULTURAL NEEDS OF NON-POWER PATH LAND.  
PRESERVING THE ASTHETIC VALUE OF THE AREA IS  
ALSO A GREAT CONCERN, AS TOURISM IS VITAL  
TO BUFFALO COUNTY.

#### I-046-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to landowners and property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-006

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-046-008

THE EXPLANATION FOR EACH POTENTIAL ROUTE  
WAS NOT EXPLAINED OR WHAT ROUTES WERE  
BEING CONSIDERED AS A PRIORITY

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-046-008

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-046-009

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.